

**House File 2538 - Introduced**

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BY COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 528)

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to the criminal offense of theft in the third  
2 degree and making penalties applicable.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1     Section 1. Section 714.2, subsection 3, Code 2020, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3     3. The theft of property exceeding seven hundred fifty  
4 dollars but not exceeding one thousand five hundred dollars in  
5 value, or the theft of any property not exceeding five seven  
6 hundred fifty dollars in value by one who has before been twice  
7 convicted of theft, is theft in the third degree. Theft in the  
8 third degree is an aggravated misdemeanor.

9                                   EXPLANATION

10                   The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
11                   the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

12     Under current law, the theft of property that is more than  
13 \$750 but not more than \$1,500, or the theft of any property  
14 not more than \$500 by a person who has previously been twice  
15 convicted of theft, is theft in the third degree, an aggravated  
16 misdemeanor. This bill increases the dollar amount limit for  
17 the theft of any property by a person who has previously been  
18 twice convicted of theft from \$500 to \$750.

19     Theft in the third degree is an aggravated misdemeanor  
20 punishable by confinement for no more than two years and a fine  
21 of at least \$625 but not more than \$6,250.